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special situations, mental health conditions and others at the facility. That would be similar to the types of serious problems that the youth...the boys at Kearney will be able to take advantage of at the Omaha facility, once that facility is transferred. So that's a comparable level of youth with serious and chronic problems. Ten beds would be available for orientation housing. Currently when girls come into the facility, they're put right into the housing units. This allows some orientation time for them to get information, to adjust to their new surroundings, and then be able to move into their groups. It also provides medical, dental and an infirmary. Those of you who have visited the facility know that conditions or lack thereof of adequate facilities for these purposes; it's a serious problem and was identified also in the Facility Master Plan. It also allows space on the campus for programs and counseling. The cost estimate, and this is adjusted, it's higher than in the plan because the construction wouldn't be completed for another year, is \$3.1 million. And this would be a very important first step and is recommended as a first step to improve the management, improve conditions for the girls at the facilities, and begin a process. If we don't give the department the authority to do this, it leaves this money kind of unallocated. And we need to be able to give them the authority to begin with this first building. And with that, I will close, and hopefully, as discussion goes on, I can answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Thompson. For debate on the amendment, AM2852, to LB 1217, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'm supporting this amendment. And it's really to keep faith with what the intent of our commitment would be to Geneva. If you don't believe we need to do something at Geneva, if you don't believe we need to do something with our youth facilities there, then really the whole section of this ought not to be approved. But the dilemma here I...somebody was just asking me why we didn't face this in the Appropriations Committee. I'm not sure why we didn't. We talked a lot about the reallocation proposal by the Governor to take the \$2.2 million and build a parole revocation facility. Because that was rather uncertain at this point, not only as to the program but the location and that type